



*The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts*

# The Tolland Tattler

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*COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS*

*Hampden, SS*

To the Constable of the Town of Tolland in the County of Hampden.

IN THE NAME of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Tolland Town Hall in said town on WEDNESDAY, the FIFTH (5) day of MAY next at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1. To see if the town will vote to transfer from FREE CASH the amount of \$5,137.95 to reimburse the Tolland Fire Department Expense, for monies used to replace the Radio System.
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 or any other sum from Winter Roads Salary to Public Works Expense.
- ARTICLE 3. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**Special Town Meeting Wednesday May 5 at 7:00 at the  
Tolland Town Hall**

## *TOWN OF TOLLAND ELECTION RESULTS*

OFFICE	CANDIDATES	No. of Votes
• Selectman - 3 years	Eric R. Munson, Jr. Lester Walker Blank	103 93 0
• Selectman - 1 year	James W. Deming David Barney Blank	114 80 0
• Treasurer - 3 years	Margaret A. McClellan Blank Terry Walker	157 38 1
• Tax Collector - 3 years	Margaret A. McClellan Blank	158 38
• Town Clerk - 3 years	Susan H. Voudren Blank	157 39
• Assessor for 3 years	Susan S. Moore Blank Jackie Bitso	147 47 2
• Planning Board - 5 years	Gertrude T. McKay Blank	156 39
• Planning Board - 3 years	Jason M. Smith Blank	156 40
• School Committee - 3 years	Theodore F. Locke III Blank	156 40
• Library Trustee - 3 years	Penelope H. Babbit Blank	156 40
• Question: To pay part of Retired Employee Health Insurance Premium	Yes No Blank	67 115 14

*Notice:* There will be no issue of the Tolland Tattler for the month of June.  
Publication will resume with the July issue.

*From Animal Control and Town Clerk*

**Tolland Rabies/Licensing Clinic:**

The annual Tolland Rabies and licensing clinic that was held on Saturday, April 24, 2004, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Tolland Fire Department was a success. We would like to thank Dr. Richard Vincunas DVM of Feeding Hills Animal Hospital for helping us hold this clinic each year.

**Just a reminder for all dog owners:**

All dogs in Massachusetts must be licensed annually; any existing Tolland dog license expired on May 1, 2004. If you have not renewed your dog's license or you have to get a new license please fill out the form below and send it in. If you want to save the cost of a postage stamp; use the white drop box outside the Town Hall side entrance. Make the check out to the Town of Tolland for the appropriate fee. I will mail back a completed copy of the license along with new tags. Any questions I can be reached at the Town Hall on Mondays 2-7 p.m. at 258-4794.

**Note:**

Dog owners that have not licensed their dogs by June 1, 2004 will receive a letter in the mail giving them 10 days to license their dogs or pay a fine of \$25.00 on top of the license fee. Please license your dogs promptly so this will not Thank you,

Susan Voudren, Town Clerk  
Joanne Duval, Animal Control

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Record of Dog License  
Town of Tolland, MA  
Expires May 1, 2005

Date:            /            /2004

Tag No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner Information:**

Issued to: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog Information:**

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Wgt: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Vaccine Expiration Date:            /            /

Copy of Rabies Certification required.  
Proof of Spaying or Neutering required.

**Rate Information:**

Spayed Female - \$5.00	unspayed Female - \$11.00
Neutered Male - \$5.00	unneutered Male - \$11.00
Kennel Licenses: (4-10 dogs) - \$25.00	(More than 10) - \$50.00

Fee Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check (Circle one)

## What can you find or do at [www.tolland-ma.gov](http://www.tolland-ma.gov), the Town of Tolland's official new website?

- A ten year tax rate history and a comparison to other Hampden County towns. See the Tax Collector Link.
- Get News and Notices via email subscriber to get breaking news. You would have known about the election results right after the votes were tallied - or learned about the Rabies Clinic the day it was scheduled! Sign up on the home page.
- Current and back issues of the Tolland Tattler and sign up for automatic notification for online access when a new issue is posted. Subscribe on the home page or look under Tattler links.
- Find out what's going on the Berkshires using Useful Links that include direct links to Tanglewood, Warner Theater, Jacob's Pillow, Norman Rockwell sites and many others!
- Get downloads of forms for Building Permits, Open Burning, Voter Registration, renewing your driver's license or even a marriage license! Go to the relevant department page.
- See when important town meetings and events will happen via the TownCalendar.
- Link to the Granville School and Southwick High School home pages and school calendars! See the Schools links.

*Take a look today at [www.tollandma.gov](http://www.tollandma.gov)*

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### *Granville-Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation*

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE

Again the towns of Granville and Tolland are showing their generosity! Quick response to the GTCSF Phonathon is displayed as the total donation rises weekly on the thermostats on the town greens. A reminder that the Granville/Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation accepts donations year round, but if you wish your contribution to be applied to this year's scholarship recipients' awards, then we must receive the donation by May 31st.

A question arose from wording in a letter I posted in the March "Country Caller." To clarify any doubts, the awards the scholarship recipients get are scholarships and not loans. However, the Committee encourages the scholarship recipients to give back in some manner to support the people who were so generous to them!

We had several new student volunteers manning the phones this year and look forward to their continued help. Saturday, June 5th, is Black Fly Day in Tolland and we have received funds the past few years from helping them put on the fun. We would appreciate older student volunteers' aid in running the children's games that day. If you are interested, please contact Nina Stromgren @ 357-6153.

*From the Office of the Tax Collector:*

The second half of the real estate tax bills for this fiscal year which ends July 1 have been mailed.

The tax bills are due by law at 4:00pm on May 24 at the Town Hall Collector's Office at 241 West Granville Road. The bills were mailed to the owners of record as of Jan 1, 2003.

Any new homeowner or anyone who has not received the real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the collector's office. The Collector's Office can be reached at 413 258-4794.

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## *Tolland Ladies Club*

Please remember to visit the Tolland Ladies Club tent at Black Fly Day, Saturday, June 5.  
Delicious baked goods plus our famous Food Basket Raffle.

Please bring your baked goods and Raffle Basket items to Shirley Warner  
before June 5. (258-4255)

*The next meeting of the Ladies Club will be held on Thursday May 13 at 7:30pm  
at the Tolland Town Hall. All are welcome.*

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## *Annual Food Drive*

On Saturday May 8, 2004, the carriers from the Granville Post Office will be collecting non-perishable food items from the Granville and Tolland residents. As the carrier makes her/his mail delivery for the day, she/he will pick up any food items left in or on (hang from handle?) your mailbox. The food will be stored in the basement of the Granville Federated Church where Pastor Patrick McMahon will distribute as needed. Tolland and Granville residents are encouraged to contact Patrick at the church if they know of a need for food for a family in their neighborhood. This food collection goes in hand with the National Food Drive on this day sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Suggestions include peanut butter, tuna fish and all canned items. Please - no glass jars or items such as cereal or pasta as this just doesn't 'keep' for long periods of time. You have been incredibly generous in the past...and the food pantry is low, so please don't forget the date...SATURDAY, MAY 8

## *Mailbox Improvement Month - May, 2004*

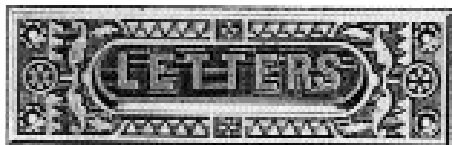
It's time to take a minute to inspect your mailbox!

The Postal Service sets aside a specific week every year to ask our postal customers to inspect and repair their mailboxes. Some of the typical activities that may need to be done include:

- Replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door
- Repainting a mailbox that may have rusted or started to peel
- Remounting a mailbox if loosened
- Replacing or adding 911 house numbers

Mailboxes must be placed on delivery routes so a carrier can safely and conveniently serve them without leaving his or her vehicle.

*Thank you. Geraldine Jones*



## to the Editor

*Letters to the editor should be typed, signed, and received by the 20th of the month deadline for insertion in the following months newsletter.*

To all voters:

I would like to thank all voters who supported me on April 10th. I am very proud to let you know that my campaign was clean, honest and ethical. I didn't berate my opponent, his wife or any other member of his family to get votes. Again, I want to thank all of you that voted for me as Selectman.

*Lester Walker*

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### *Congratulations and Public Notices*

- It's a GIRL!

Isabella Carol Smith was born at Baystate Medical Center on March 5th...7 lbs. 1 oz, 21 inches. Proud parents are Jason and Rebecca Smith, 718 Burt Hill Road. *Also*, if anyone is interested in starting a mother's playgroup and/or walking group, please call 258-4746.

- It's a TAG SALE

690 Colebrook River Road - various items, antiques, furniture, baby items and children items. Saturday April 24, from 8:00am to 4:00pm.



*Working together for you in Massachusetts and Connecticut!*

- For Real Estate in Connecticut

Contact:

Owner/Broker: Kelly Sullivan  
518 Main Street  
Winsted, CT 06098

Phone: 860.738.1902

Fax: 860.738.1997

- For Real Estate in the Berkshire County MLS

Contact - Local Realtors:

Don or Mary and Donald Turek  
Sandisfield, Massachusetts 01255

Phone: 413.258.4430

Fax: 413.258.4430

email: dturekmass@sbcglobal.net

## *Tolland Council on Aging*

### Hearing Screenings Free on May 17 in Granville for Tolland Seniors

Tolland seniors can have their hearing screened free by the Clarke School for the Deaf audiologist at the Granville COA Health Fair on Monday, May 17, 2004 at the Granville Town Hall. Independent audiologists from the school will conduct the hearing tests and counsel participants on the results from 8:40 to 11:30 a.m. There are limited slots available and these will be shared by seniors from Granville and Tolland, so please call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 as soon as possible to make sure you get an appointment for your hearing screening.

### Learn about Elder Legal Documents on June 3 in Tolland

Consider attending the Tolland COA Elder Law Education Program on Thursday, June 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tolland Town Hall. Seniors and non-seniors from Tolland and Granville and other towns are all invited. You will learn:

- Who needs a will?
- What is a living trust?
- Who needs a durable power of attorney?
- What is a health care proxy?
- What is a life support statement?

And you will get a chance to ask questions to an elder attorney.

Cynthia Lee Anderson, of the law firm of Edward M. Lee, J.D., Inc. in Westfield will be the speaker at this Massachusetts Bar Association event also sponsored by the Mass. Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Both Tolland and Granville seniors and the public of any age are invited.

Refreshments will be served.

Attorney Anderson graduated with honors from Western New England College School of Law and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1988. This is an opportunity to learn about these important life documents and also to meet and talk to a local elder law attorney. For more information, call Gert McKay, Tolland COA Chairperson, at 258-3336.

### Save June 14 for the Tolland COA Health Fair

We hope all Tolland seniors come to the COA Health Fair on Monday, June 14, 2004 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Tolland Town Hall. You will be able to have an appointment with the Foot Nurse, Joan Angelo, and also get your blood sugar and cholesterol screened by Noble Hospital Lab. Please make reservations in advance for the foot nurse as there are limited spaces. A home visit for housebound seniors may be arranged. No reservations are required for the blood screenings that will be available only until 11:00 a.m. Fasting is not necessary but if you do wish to fast, come for the first appointments.

Seniors will also be able to speak with the SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) Counselor, Marilyn Riddle, about health insurance and other medical benefits. The Lee Visiting Nurses Association will conduct blood pressure screenings. There will be information about the Brown Bag Program including a demo bag of groceries and applications. Representatives from the Bronson Rehabilitation Center and also the Women's Health Center, both of Noble Hospital, will also be available to discuss their services. For more information and to make reservations for the foot nurse, please call Gert McKay at 258-3336. Hope to see you then!

### COA Is Available for Information & Referral

Gert McKay, Chairperson of the Tolland Council on Aging, invites Tolland seniors to call the COA with questions about services and programs and for transportation to doctors and shopping if needed. Her number is 258-3336.

*Sandisfield Historical Society*

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Coffee/Tea and Soda included

Reservations Appreciated/Info

call Norton Fletcher at 413-258-4520

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*Berkshire Slipcover Outlet to open in Great Barrington*

Gt. Barrington – On Saturday, May 1st, the Berkshire Slipcover Outlet moves from Prime Outlets at Lee to Barrington Plaza in the space formerly occupied by the linen store, Open House. Coincidentally, the Berkshire Slipcover Outlet will also carry a variety of linens and home furnishings including slipcovers, decorative pillows, sheets, futon covers, chair pads and rugs.

Owner, Liana Toscanini, says the new store is 2000 square feet and will feature more displays, more product lines, and increased staff. After making a profit in her first year of business, Toscanini is taking a calculated risk that moving to tourist mecca, Great Barrington, and doubling the size of the store will reap similar rewards within the next 12 months. "I love the concept of the 'community mall,' says Toscanini, referring to Barrington Plaza, home of Kmart, Price Chopper and The Bookloft. "My local and regional customers are thrilled we're moving to such a convenient place."

A showcase for Sure Fit brand slipcovers, the store carries a full line of discounted, readymade covers for chairs, loveseats, sofas, dining chairs, folding chairs and ottomans as well as hard-to-find catalog items including slipcovers for wingback furniture, recliners, and chair 1/2's. New this season are covers for sectional furniture. Toscanini also plans to introduce some custom work. "There is a need for smaller chair covers," says Toscanini, who is responding by partnering with designer and seamstress, Jane Hason, to make "semi-custom" slipcovers for petite chairs. Customers will provide a few basic measurements and bring their seat cushion in to be custom-covered. This two-piece cover would look more like custom-made slipcovers but wouldn't be quite as fitted says Toscanini.

The Berkshire Slipcover Outlet is unique in the U.S. and may serve as a prototype for a future franchise operation. Toscanini, a resident of Sandisfield, was a Vice President at Sure Fit, the country's largest slipcover manufacturer, for ten years prior to starting her retail venture. The store is open 7 days a week. For more information, call (413) 528-9737 or visit [www.berkshireslipcoveroutlet.com](http://www.berkshireslipcoveroutlet.com)



# Granville Harvest Fair

The 23rd annual Granville Harvest Fair will be held on Columbus Day weekend, October 9, 10, and 11, 2004. Applications for booth spaces are now available for artists and artisans to sell their homemade/handmade items during the fair.

*Mail your request for an application to:*

Granville Harvest Fair, P.O. Box 193, Granville, MA 01034-0193. Indicate on the envelope for which location you would like to apply - The Village School; the Public Library; The Federated Church; The Town Green; The Old Meeting House. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope for our reply. Thank you!

*Columbus Day Weekend, October 9,10, and 11*

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*Southwick /Tolland Regional School District  
Woodland Elementary School*

## Kindergarten Screening

May 6 and 7, 2004  
Congregational Church  
488 College Highway  
Southwick, MA 01077

All parents with an eligible child should call 569-6598 to schedule an appointment.

Enrolled students must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2004. As required by Special Education Law, Chapter 766, screening will be conducted in the areas of hearing, vision, speech/language, and cognitive and motor skills.

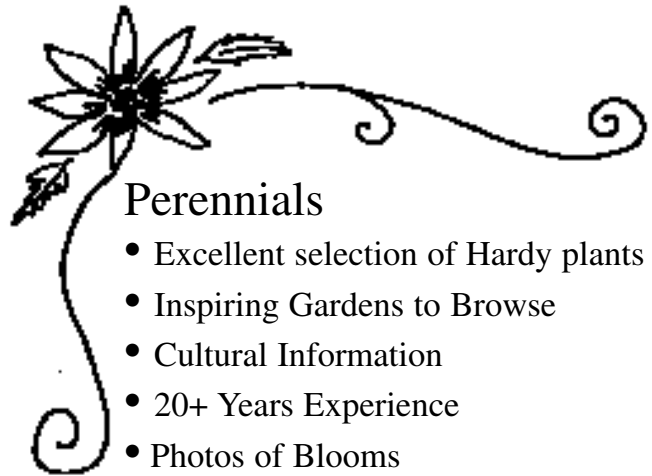
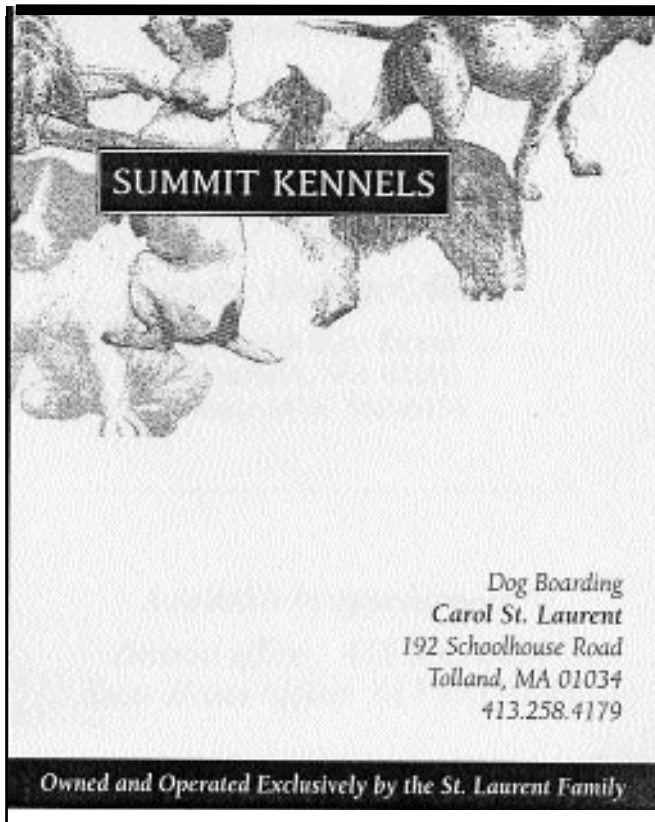
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### SANDISFIELD ARTS CENTER OPENS SEASON

Sandisfield – The Sandisfield Arts Center season opens Saturday, May 22nd at 8 p.m. with the return of Rachel Luxon, daughter of British baritone, Benjamin Luxon. She and her husband, Dean Robinson, one of Britain's leading young bass-baritones, will perform an evening of operatic music and American musicals including Kern, Gershwin, Cole Porter, and Richard Rodgers. This is a "must" for all lovers of exceptional voices and great music. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

On Sunday, May 23rd at 2 p.m., Dr. Marmalade and her "Emerge and See" wagon perform. Dr. Marmalade travels the world helping animals in distress. A gorilla with a bellyache, a singing dinosaur, and a snake that wants to be a kitty are all part of the show. This family program is offered free to the public and is made possible by Berkshire Bank, Highmeadow Foundation, and the Sandisfield and Monterey Cultural Councils.

The Sandisfield Arts Center is located on Hammertown Road off Route 57 in Sandisfield. Once a Baptist Meeting House and synagogue, this historic building is known for its great acoustics and small town charm. Recent renovations made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission include new bathrooms and additional parking. For more information, call (413) 258-4848 or visit [www.sandisfieldartscenter.org](http://www.sandisfieldartscenter.org).



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# *Tolland Weather*



## **TOLLAND WEATHER**

Prepared by Steve Strinie

Period: March 20 to April 18, 2004

Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level.

Temperature:	High - 76 degrees F. on April 17 at 1:00pm Low - 10 degrees F. on March 12 at 5:00am
Humidity:	Minimum - 14% April 16 at 9:00am
Dewpoint:	Maximum - 53 degrees on March 27 at 9:00am Minimum - minus 6 degrees on March 22 at 1:00pm
Barometric Pressure:	Maximum - 30.55" on March 25 at 7:00am Minimum - 29.35" on April 4 at 3:00pm
Wind Speed:	38 mph Northwest on April 5 at 6:00pm
Wind Chill:	Minus 14 degrees on March 22 at 2:00am
Total Rain Fall	6.53 inches

Comments: Total snowfall for season was 64 inches. Notice the needed rainfall recorded for this period.

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*Thinking of buying or selling a house or land?*

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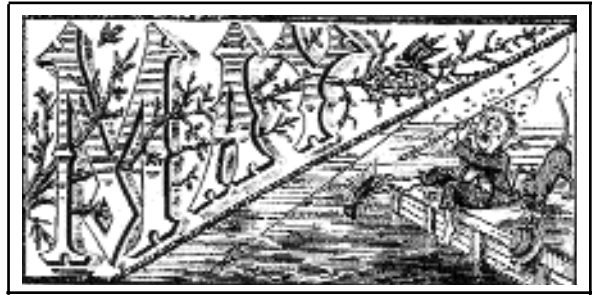
I have buyers now for homes and land in Tolland.  
Please visit my website at [www.bobrahn.com](http://www.bobrahn.com)

Town Hall Offices Open Monday and  
Tuesday from 8 - 4 pm

*Town Clerk's and Assessor Clerk's hours  
for the month of May:*

Mondays - 2:00-5:00 & 6:00 -7:00 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	<b>31</b>  MEMORIAL DAY	Library Hours: Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm				<b>1</b> 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
<b>2</b> 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	<b>3</b> 5:30 Building Inspector 6:00 Selectmen	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5-7:00pm DUMP	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 - 11:00 am DUMP  Postal Carrier's ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE
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<b>16</b> 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	<b>17</b> 5:30 Building Inspector 6:00 Selectmen 7:00 Planning Board.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5-7:00pm DUMP	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
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